

WALTER REED
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JHB

TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR MURPHY



The Sec returned the call and asked what is the status about flights to Berlin? Have the British protested it? Do we file flight plans with the Russians in advance to eliminate the danger of accidents? Is that long enough? Is there any legitimate basis for ... I wonder whether we should not tell them perhaps if there is an air hazard we would be glad to talk about eliminating the hazard by giving them further notice or anything of that sort. The Br situation is very complex and it has been for some time. On the last trip the Sec took when he was in London in Feb. Macmillan was very obscure. You could not really find out what he had in his mind. He is sure he had elections in mind and the Sec suspects he also had in mind the possibility of a Franco-British-German bloc on the continent which they have always been afraid of but he is not sure this is something that has to do with the present position. The Sec has not been informed or able to keep himself informed as to just what it is we are proposing so he is a bit in the dark. It does not bear upon the creation of a continental bloc, does it? Does M think the French ~~are German~~ want Germany reunified? Adenauer is in no hurry about it. The Sec will think about it a little more. We had this period of great intimacy working together with the British all around the world but in the last 3-4 months it has sort of cooled off and he does not know what the explanation is. He would like to turn it over and if he

has any thoughts that he thinks are worth while he will
give M a call later on.

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